IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 13, 1836.
Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WHITE made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution of the 31st ultimo, instructing them to inquire into the propriety of making provision for the payment, to the heirs of George Galphin, of the claim which was stipulated to be paid in the twentieth article of the treaty of New Echota, the 29th of December, 1835, with the Cherokee Indians, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That the debt referred to in said resolution appears to have been due to the said George Galphin by the Cherokee Indians prior to the revolutionary war; and for the purpose of having the same, with some other demands against them, satisfied, they gave up a portion of their country, situated within the limits of Georgia, to the then existing government, that the same might be disposed of, and out of the proceeds of the sale the said debts discharged. The revolutionary war defeated this arrangement, and the committee find no reason to believe that the said debt has ever been satisfied.

The lands ceded by the Indianslying within the State of Georgia, that State has no doubt disposed of them long since, in such mode, and upon such terms, as to her appeared to be just. The documents before the committee satisfy them that applications have been made to the State of Georgia for the payment of this demand, but there is no satisfactory proof

to show on what ground payment was delayed or refused.

The committee are of opinion that, by an application to the constituted authorities of that State, documents can be obtained which will enable Congress to decide, without much risk of mistake, whether the demand now made upon the Federal Government is such a one as ought to be provided for out of the Treasury of the United States, or not, and with a view to obtain such information, the committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, requested to apply to the Executive of the State of Georgia for all the information that State has it in its power to furnish, relative to the debt claimed by the heirs of George Galphin, and which was due to him by the Cherokee Indians, prior to the revolutionary war; and that the President be further requested to transmit to the Senate, at the next session, all the information he may have procured on the subject of said demand.

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